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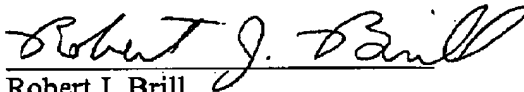
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TITLE: HEATING ELEMENT INDUCTION OF TIME-VARYING THERMAL  
GRADIENT IN ELONGATED BEAM TO CAUSE ONE OR MORE  
ELONGATED BEAM OSCILLATIONS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN ADDITION TO APPLICANT'S 12/17/2004  
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to a request from the Examiner during a teleconference with applicant's attorney on January 5, 2005 and as a request that prior to examination of the above-referenced application, said application be amended as follows.